



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Ninth Year

January 2014

Bulletin No.1

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 16, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

by Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



As I start 2014 as your Big Sir I can only reflect back on the many men that continue to give their all for the good of this organization and have helped me immeasurably in my walk. Without naming them all, in fear I might forget someone, you know who you are. I can only say THANK YOU.

As your Big Sir I can look forward with confidence that the inherent value and legacy of SIR will continue to be a driving force for continuity and growth this year and into the future. Remembering what a good friend in our organization, Fred Gotthard, once said. The purpose of SIR "is to maintain old friendships, making new acquaintances and avoiding the boredom caused by inactivity."

We have been given a legacy of immeasurable value. As we have accepted the benefits offered via our membership in SIR, now let us accept the responsibilities we owe for this unique opportunity to give something back to the organization that has given us enormous pleasure in our retirement years. In that vein if you look around our organization you see so many of the same men volunteering over and over each year. Isn't time YOU stepped up to help in some way? If someone gives you a call and asks for your help in doing something for this organization, please say "YES" – you will be glad you did.

One final thing, starting with our January meeting we will be drawing a name each month for a free lunch if you are able to find Rollie our Branch 59 mascot. Somewhere hiding in *The Pathfinder*, that you are reading right now, you will find him. Just tell the guys that sell your lunch ticket where you found Rollie and you will be entered in the drawing for the free lunch. There are going to be a few more surprises so don't lose your lunch ticket.

Rob

Can you find Rollie? 

Speaker Marvin Gold by Little Sir Larry Goodman



Marvin Gold was born in San Francisco in 1953 and grew up one block from Playland's Fun House and Laffin' Sal. As a teenager, he worked at Playland for four years until it closed in September 4th, 1972. He did just about every job there was at Playland, the games, the rides, even fry cook at the Merry-Go-Round Restaurant. After moving to San Pablo in 2000, he became involved in Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach and volunteers there regularly.

His presentation is on behalf of Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach in El Cerrito, a (501) (c) (3) non-profit and will consist of the history of San Francisco's famous old amusement park Playland-at-the-Beach and a description of the non-profit, Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach, which is an amusement park museum with many exhibits, carnival games and 35 pinball machines all set on free play. Pay-One-Price of admission at the door and you can play all day and even win tickets good for prizes.

He leads historical discussions and tours of the facility and makes the presentations all over the Bay Area.

In September 2011, he gave the presentation to SIR Branch 2 and having just retired from AT&T after 36+ years, he joined that branch. Currently he is Big Sir for Branch 2 in the East Bay/Richmond.

For more info on Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach, go to the URL: <http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org/>

**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

MENU

**Beef Bourguignon and Chicken Chipotle
Noodles, Rice and Mixed Vegetables**



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

A Nonprofit
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retired men



Sir Jim Ferez November Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order at 10:00AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Rob Ingebretson, Secretary Sir Jim Ferez, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George. Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides.

Directors present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Sheldon Schwartz, Sir Ed Thomas and Sir Roger Wallin.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Minutes of the October Meeting as published in the Pathfinder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the General Fund Balance is \$4644.94 and we do appreciate our members visiting the Donation Bucket. It is helping a great deal but we are still spending more than we are taking in.

Little Sir's Report: Sir Rob reported that the Speaker today will be Fremont Fire Chief Geoff La Tendresse who will speak to us about the Operations of the Fremont Fire Department. The Chief indicates he was a student of our Little Sir Rob Ingebretson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social: Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that good progress is being made on the Christmas Event. The Entertainment has been hired and we believe it will be very pleasing to the attendees. Door prizes are still needed and Sir Rob has Merchant Letters available to those that need them. If you get door prizes please email Sir Rob so that he can make sure multiple members do not contact the same Merchant. Sir Rob also reminds the Members that this time the Fish Entrée will definitely be Salmon. Please get your checks in to the Reservations Committee Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt. We have also made provisions for our single members so

please, if you are alone do not hesitate to join the festivities.

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon to be 126.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have two men proposed for membership today as follows: Sir Frank Bowman sponsored by Sir Skip Mugford and Sir Steve Francis sponsored by Sir Alan Kenney. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the new members.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 10 Birthdays ranging from 66 to 90. The Officers and Directors of SIR Branch 59 wish these men a very Happy Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reminds Golfers that 2014 dues are now being collected and should be paid before the end of the year.

Sunshine: Sir Allen Sprague requests that Sunshine input be sent to him by phone or Email as early as possible so that he can make the Deadline for getting the data into the Pathfinder. That date is the first Thursday after our meeting.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reports that the Bowling Tournaments have been very successful. Members are encouraged to get Spouses and or Significant others involved in Bowling with SIR they are most welcome.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made seconded and passed to continue with the present caterer thru the 2014 year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Officers and Directors of Branch 59 thanked our outgoing Big Sir Skip Mugford for the fine job he performed. Sir Skip was, indeed, a dedicated and effective leader and we thank him for his contribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM
Submitted by Secretary
Jim Ferez

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Les Addison	12/17/1931	82
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	80
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	78
Julian Vega	12/01/1936	77
Glenn Coon, Jr	12/28/1937	76
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	74
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	73
William Bauhofer	12/03/1940	73
Edward Thomas	12/12/1940	73
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	73
William Williams	12/13/1941	72
George Perry	12/20/1944	69
James Ulam	12/08/1945	68
Joseph Stanley	12/26/1945	68
Fred Zachau	12/21/1956	57

New Members

Frank D. Bowman Jr.

1837 Hartnell Street
Union City, CA 94587-3236
510-825-4977

Email: bowmansbrat@att.net

Birthday: 7/12/1944

Spouse: Patricia

Badge No. 14

Sponsor: Skip Mugford

Call me: Frank

Stephen D. Francis

37967 Starflower Street
Newark, CA 94560-4433

510-797-7133

Email: steve.francis@me.com

Birthday: 2/27/1946

Spouse: Andy

Badge No. 15

Sponsor: Alan Kenny

Call me: Steve

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Guest of:

Mark Ardissond

Ben Fernandez

Scott Schiechl

Ben Fernandez

Bill Plant

Tony Bruno

Robert Tavares

Rob Ingebretson

Visitors:

Geoff LaTendresse

Speaker

Change of Status:

None

Membership Total
(as of November 2013)

179 — Active Members

25 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 2013)

Members 128

Guests 4

Visitors 1

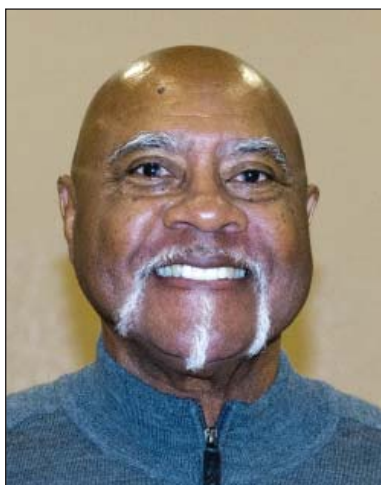
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21 excused 30 unexcused

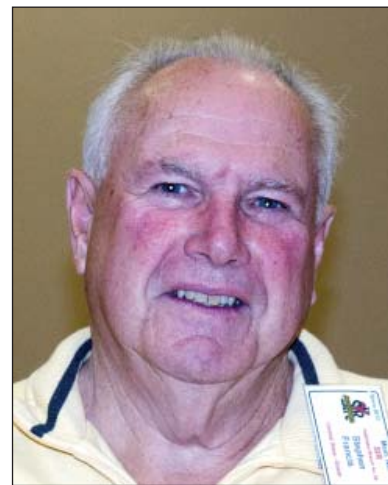
January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	92
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	89
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	87
Joseph Jenó	01/24/1930	84
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	84
Thomas Blalock	01/06/1932	82
Robert Kammerer	01/09/1932	82
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	81
Walter Ulrich	01/07/1934	80
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	79
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	78
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	76
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	72
David Hunter	01/26/1947	67
Victor Okumura	01/24/1957	57

Welcome New Members



Frank Bowman



Stephen Francis



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

The 2014 tournament season is about to begin. The latest calendar for SIR Bowling Tournaments can be found at <http://sirinc.org/bowling>.

There have been a number of changes to the calendar this year. Right off the bat, the tournament in Sonoma at Napa bowl is questionable, and the Petaluma tournament has been cancelled.

Stockton	Jan 21	Tue	Pacific Bowl
Sonoma	Jan 27, 29	Mon, Wed	Napa Bowl
Livermore	Feb 11, 12	Tue, Wed	Granada Bowl
Petaluma	CANCELLED		

As this is being written, things have been a bit slow—the Christmas and New Year Holidays! Even so we had 13 bowlers show up on Monday the 23rd and the 30th of December. There were a few good games rolled by **Frankie Cordova** (246), **Howard Elz** (209) and **Don Henry's** 218, 228, 182 total series of 628.

As mentioned previously, we are getting women bowlers for our Monday league: Dodie Pereira wife of Chuck Pereira from Branch 6, and recent transfer to our league; **Harvey McAninch**, (current Big Sir from the Sunnyvale Branch) has a lady friend that plans to join us also.

We are still waiting for **Roger Wallin** to rejoin us after he recuperates from his shoulder surgery, but now **Gary Bennett** has joined the injured list.

There is always room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl so if you miss occasionally we will miss you; but you are not letting down teammates nor charged any fees. If we get a few more bowlers, we will likely form teams.

We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling on Monday at 12:45 P.M. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.

Jerry Sabo



Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We have new members. Welcome new members to SIR and SIR golf **Alan Hawkins and Fred Zachau**. Also, welcome **Don Allen**, a long time member of SIR, and also joined SIR golf. He had been golfing but never joined NCGA. Welcome.

If you have a friend who golfs and wants to join SIR golf let me know. We need new members. We lost 10 golfers who did not renew their NCGA dues for 2014. So far we have gained 4 so it is still a net loss of 6.

We have late results from Laguna Seca state championship tournament – **Tom Breen** finished 6th place in the 5th flight. Tom qualified by finishing in the top 2 from the division 4 tournament held in September at Lone Tree in Antioch.

Our first tournament is just around the corner – **Spring Fling** in Napa – Eagle Vines and Chardonnay on April 21 and 22. Entry forms are on the web and it is filling up fast. This will be a 4 man team, 2 man best ball tournament for the men and a scramble for the ladies. Yes, ladies are invited to the Spring Fling tournament – you must have a valid index from NCGA.

The remainder of the 2014 tournament schedule is as follows: Late May 2014 = Area 8 **team tournament**. We have this event at Sunol so start thinking about your team. I will send out a reminder and a rule sheet – it is a scramble event. **Reno** – June 16 – 20 and June 23-27. Both are scramble events and will be at the Atlantis – great reviews last year and certainly expect the same for 2014. Sometime between Aug 7 and Sep 7 we have the state qualifier at Lone Tree in Antioch – the top 2 finishers from each of the 7 flights get a free ride to the Monterey Peninsula for the state championship. There is also open play on October 28. The next tournament is **Solvang (the Fall Classic)** September 14-18 – great time to plan golf and a vacation. Finally, the **individual championship will be at Monterey Peninsula** October 27 and 28.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (3 tee times) and occasionally on Thursday (1 tee time) at Sunol. Join us – to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE. Post – post your score. Please – we need more members for SIRs and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday January 28, 2013 - 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

We will be at the new location in Niles
at 255 H Street, Fremont, CA.

Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

We did not meet in December because of the holidays, but will resume our discussion of tablets such as the iPad. If anyone has a Surface Tablet or other similar device please bring it to our next meeting.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry at JLSABO@SBCGLOBAL.NET. During our next session, we will revisit some of the topics previously discussed—especially tablet devices such as the iPad and other devices such as the Kindle or Surface. If you have such a device and have questions; bring it to our next session.

SIR members and friends/ significant others are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. We are able to use the Niles Church thanks to Carl Nordling. Call Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135 if you have other questions.



SIR HAPPENINGS

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. The diners are encouraged to join the latter card sharks in order to overwhelm the noise of tables and chairs being moved by Pavilion's staff.

Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Sir Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Sir Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



Thursday, July 3, 2014 will be the next All SIR Day at the San Francisco Giants. The game starts at 12:45 and the opponents will be the St Louis Cardinals. The Giants sell out every game so it is important to get tickets early. A SIR Quartet will sing the national anthem.

Let Bill Leake know of your interest in attending the ballgame. Price will be \$32 - \$37 per ticket.

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle & Lou Pagni

February 23-26, 2014

PALM SPRINGS USO SHOW TRIBUTE

Three shows (A USO Show Tribute, An Evening with the 4077 M*A*S*H, A Salute to the Rat Pack), three nights at the Comfort Inn Palm Springs, three breakfasts, two dinners, round trip airfare, home pickup, luggage handling, all taxes and tips.

Cost: \$1195 Double, \$1425 Single, Insurance \$85 each person (Optional)

This is a Guaranteed trip (no minimums) Contact Lou Pagni for more info 510-276-5025.

Call Travel Chairman Lou Pagni
for more information 510-276-5025

**Bring in a Guest
We need new Members**



WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Join us for an hour at the Creative Writing Class at the Fremont Senior Center every **Tuesday at 10:00 AM.**

During that hour, instructions are handed out for writing (but not required); writings are read (if you want to read what you wrote) and discussed. It is an active class with some great people.

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

Sir Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

HOWARD THOMPSON: Sir Howard has been in the hospital three times during the holidays, suffering from a bladder stone. He told Sunshine on January 4th that he is tired from the ordeal, with some pain, but is "OK". He is scheduled for another exam in mid-January.

RAYMOND CARLSON: Sunshine had received a report in mid-December that Sir Raymond's wife Virginia was having health issues. Sunshine spoke with Virginia on January 4th, and confirmed she has had a heart valve problem (but has had no surgery for that). She also has a thyroid problem and is receiving chemo treatment for that condition.

SERGIO ZELLI: Sir Sergio had a three-way bypass heart surgery on December 2nd. Sunshine contacted Sergio on January 6th and he says he is recovering successfully at home. He probably won't make our meeting in January.

In Memoriam

James Dunsford

Senior Award for Bill DeLucchi

In the photo Sir Bill DeLucchi (right) receives the Presidents Senior award for having reached the age of 90 from Area Governor Elect Jim Ferenz.



Social Chairman Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig welcoming folks to the Christmas Luncheon.

2014 BEC Installation

The 2014 Branch 59 Executive Board being installed at the December Luncheon by Area Governor Bob Aiello.



Christmas Nostalgia



JewelTones Entertained with Nostalgic Songs



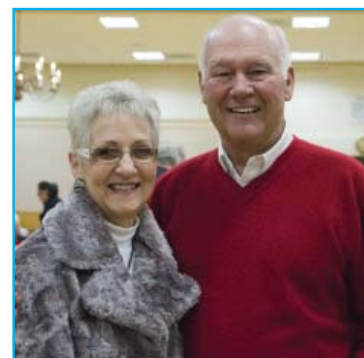
Karen and Al Hawkin with Debi and Fred Zachau



Area Governor Elect Jim Ferenz presenting Big Sir Skip Mugford with the Presidential Appreciation Award



Bill and Georgette Leake with Richard Holley



Judy and Dave Tanner

Dorothy and Bob Benya and George Vlastelica chatting with Ken and Carmen Peterson



Treasurer Hugh Twomey visits with Christyne (Gotthardt) Flynn and Ardith Gotthardt



JewelTones

Betty Dutina, LaVonne Addison chatting with Nancy Goodman

JewelTones



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Copy deadline for the next issue of the
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after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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*(deceased)